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SUBJECT: VOA REPORTAGE ON BURMA-BANGLADESH REFUGEE ISSUE

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1. VOA SHORTWAVE NEWSCAST ON EVENING JUNE 12 AND MORNING JUNE 13
IN ENGLISH SERVICE AND ON EVENING JUNE 13 (ALL TIMES LOCAL) IN
BURMESE SERVICE CARRIED STORY FILED BY SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT
WEATHERALL ON BURMA-BANGLADESH REFUGEE PROBLEM, IN STORY, HE
MADE UNATTRIBUTED STATEMENT THAT "BURMA REFUSES TO TAKE BACK THE
MUSLIM REFUGEES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF VOA COULD DOUBLECHECK THIS
STATEMENT AND ITS SOURCING PRIOR TO REUSE. IT DOES NOT ENTIRELY
FIT WITH EARLY PUBLIC BURMESE OFFERS TO ALLOW REFUGEES WITH LEGAL
PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN BURMA TO RETURN WITHIN A GRACE PERIOD.
STANDING UNSOURCED, THE IMPLICATION IS THAT THE STATEMENT CAME
FROM BURMESE OFFICIALS, AND WE HAVE YET TO HEAR ANY BURMESE
OFFICIAL MAKE SO CATEGORIC A STATEMENT.

3. FYI: ESPECIALLY DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN A NEW GUB MINISTER
AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN OFFICE,
WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CASUAL SOURCING AND POSSIBLE MISSTATEMENT
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OF GUB POSITIONS COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENTIRE
USICA PROGRAM, IF NOT THE US-BURMESE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AS A
WHOLE.
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